

House Bill 756 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representative Smith of the 168<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

To amend an Act entitled "An Act providing for the election of the board of education of Bacon County, approved February 20, 1976 (Ga. L. 1976, p. 2713), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 28, 1985 (Ga. L. 1985, p. 4823), so as to change the description of the education districts; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for continuation in office of current members; to provide for submission of this Act for preclearance under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

An Act entitled "An Act providing for the election of the board of education of Bacon County, approved February 20, 1976 (Ga. L. 1976, p. 2713), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 28, 1985 (Ga. L. 1985, p. 4823), is amended by striking in its entirety Section 1 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"SECTION 1.

(a) For purposes of electing members of the board of education, each of whom must reside in the district from which the person is to be elected, the Bacon County School District is divided into six education districts. District 1 shall consist of all that territory embraced within the boundaries of Bacon County. Districts 2 through 6 shall be and correspond to those five districts described in and attached to and made a part of this Act and further identified as Plan Name: bacon07p3 Plan Type: Local User: Gina Administrator: Bacon Co.

(b) When used in such attachment, the terms 'Tract' and 'BG' (Block Group) shall mean and describe the same geographical boundaries as provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia. The separate numeric designations in a Tract description which are underneath a 'BG' heading

1 shall mean and describe individual Blocks within a Block Group as provided in the report  
2 of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of  
3 Georgia. Any part of the Bacon County School District which is not included in any such  
4 district described in that attachment shall be included within that district contiguous to such  
5 part which contains the least population according to the United States decennial census  
6 of 2000 for the State of Georgia. Any part of the Bacon County School District which is  
7 described in that attachment as being in a particular district shall nevertheless not be  
8 included within such district if such part is not contiguous to such district. Such  
9 noncontiguous part shall instead be included within that district contiguous to such part  
10 which contains the least population according to the United States decennial census of 2000  
11 for the State of Georgia. Except as otherwise provided in the description of any education  
12 district, whenever the description of such district refers to a named city, it shall mean the  
13 geographical boundaries of that city as shown on the census map for the United States  
14 decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia.

15 (c) Education Districts 1 through 6, as they exist immediately prior to the effective date  
16 of this Act, shall continue to be designated as Education Districts 1 through 6, respectively,  
17 but as newly described under this Act, and on and after the effective date of this Act, such  
18 members of the board serving from those former education districts shall be deemed to be  
19 serving from and representing their respective districts as newly described under this Act."

## 20 **SECTION 2.**

21 The Board of Education of Bacon County shall through its legal counsel cause this Act to be  
22 submitted for preclearance under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; and  
23 such submission shall be made to the United States Department of Justice or filed with the  
24 appropriate court no later than 45 days after the date on which this Act is approved by the  
25 Governor or otherwise becomes law without such approval.

## 26 **SECTION 3.**

27 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.